

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Amend paragraph [0008] as follows:

[0008] U.S. Patent No. 6,737,120 B1 ~~patent application Serial No. 09/518,013 (Golecki), filed 3 March 2000,~~ relates to carbon fiber or C-C composites useful in a variety of applications. This patent ~~Golecki application~~ teaches methods of protecting such composites against oxidation by coating them with fluidized-glass type mixtures. The fluidized-glass mixtures are maintained as liquid precursors and are applied to components formed of carbon fiber or C-C composites. Once coated with the precursors, the coated C-C components are heat-treated or annealed for one or more cycles through a series of gradual heating and cooling steps. This process creates solid glass coatings having thicknesses of about 1-10 mils. The thicknesses of the solid glass coatings may be varied by varying the composition of the fluidized glass precursor mixtures, the number of application cycles, and/or the annealing parameters.

Amend paragraph [0009] as follows:

[0009] ~~Golecki application Serial No. 09/518,013~~ US 6,737,120 B1 teaches that the fluidized glass materials may comprise such

materials as borate glasses (boron oxides), phosphate glasses (phosphorus oxides), silicate glasses (silicon oxides), and plumbate glasses (lead oxides). These glasses may include phosphates of manganese, nickel, vanadium, aluminum, and zinc, and/or alkaline and alkaline earth metals such as lithium, sodium, potassium, rubidium, magnesium, and calcium and their oxides, and elemental boron and/or boron compounds such as BN, B₄C, B₂O₃, and H₃BO₃. By way of example, ~~Geleeki~~ the patent discloses a boron-containing liquid fluidized glass precursor mixture that includes 29 weight-% phosphoric acid, 2 weight-% manganese phosphate, 3 weight-% potassium hydroxide, 1 weight-% boron nitride, 10 weight-% boron, and 55 weight-% water.

Amend paragraph [0037] as follows:

[0037] The present inventors have discovered that a class of borophosphate glasses which includes, among others, the borophosphate glasses that are used in accordance with the present invention may be used in another oxidation protection environment. See U.S. patent application publication 2004/0038032 A1 ~~Serial No. 10/223,946, filed August 20, 2002~~, which claims carbon fiber and C-C articles covered by specific phosphate glass undercoatings and boron-containing glass overcoatings.